

U. S. REPLY TO FRANCE AND ENGLAND IS READY

Note Regarding Embargo Against Germany May Be Presented Tomorrow.

Ambassadors Page, in London, and Sharp, in Paris, are tomorrow or Tuesday to present to the foreign offices in their respective territories the reply of the United States to Great Britain and France on the recently proclaimed embargo against commerce between Germany and neutral nations. This is the belief of usually well-informed officials, although it is positively stated that this reply has not yet been sent by the State Department.

No intimation of the character of the communication has been given by State Department officials. It has been in President Wilson's hands for the last few days, and may be dispatched without being considered again at the State Department.

Lightship to Guard Straits.

The British admiralty has announced that beginning about April 1 two light ships will be in the English channel off Folkestone, between which all shipping must pass in the Straits of Dover. The notice was forwarded to the State Department yesterday by American consul general Robert P. Skinner at London.

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BRYAN STILL UNABLE TO HEAR FROM PERSIA

Attempts to Get Authentic News From Persecuted Missionaries Without Success.

Bombarded with appeals from relatives of American missionaries and refugees in missions in Urumiah and Gulistan, the State Department has been trying to get some authentic information regarding the alleged persecution of Americans, but without satisfactory results.

Tales of outrages against American missionaries and refugees have been reported to the State Department from the headquarters of mission organizations, but details have not been secured through diplomatic or consular agents although the State Department has sent repeated cable messages to all its agents in that region asking for immediate and full information.

Secretary Bryan received word from Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople that the Turkish grand vizier had issued orders to his subordinates that all Christians in the danger section be protected, and that uprisings be put down.

The department was without official information regarding the report that the British and American consuls at Tabriz, Persia, had petitioned the Russian government to send Russian troops from Tiflis to the aid of the missionaries. It is believed that Russian troops could most expeditiously reach the Urumiah district. It is regarded as unlikely that any will be sent, now that the Turkish government has agreed to look after the safety of foreigners there.

MRS. SISSON DIES.

Wife of Representative Passes Away in Mississippi.

Word reached Washington last night of the death yesterday in Winona, Miss., of Mrs. Sisson, wife of Representative Thomas U. Sisson of Mississippi. Details are lacking.

Mrs. Sisson before her marriage June 5, 1901, was Miss Mamie Purnell, her home being in Winona, Representative Sisson was a member of the subcommittee on the District appropriation bill of the House appropriations committee in the last Congress. Their address in Washington during the last session of Congress was 1615 G street northwest. Mrs. Sisson was prominent in official society circles here.

BOARD OF TRADE OUTING.

Plans for Annual Shad Bake at Chesapeake Beach May 22.

The annual shad bake and outing of the Board of Trade is to be held at Chesapeake Beach May 22. The date and place for holding the outing was definitely decided at a meeting of the shad bake committee of the board last night.

In contracting with the Chesapeake Beach Company Chairman E. J. Murphy of the dinner committee has arranged for one of the most elaborate menus ever served at a Board of Trade outing. It is stated.

There are to be no athletic games this year. In place of the games there is being arranged a program of amusements and entertainments by special committees having these matters in charge.

Building Permits.

Building permits have been issued to the following:

Caylor & Snider, to build dwellings at 1221-23 Pennsylvania avenue southeast; architect, C. V. Snider, builder, Caylor & Snider; estimated cost, \$5,000. Charles E. Tankersley, to build four dwellings at 3520-36 Georgia avenue; architect, W. R. Talbot, builder, Charles E. Tankersley; estimated cost, \$5,000. James H. Ireland, to repair dwelling at 64 K street northeast; estimated cost, \$50. H. H. Bergmann, to repair store and dwelling at 1810 14th street northwest; estimated cost, \$200. Julia White, to repair store and dwelling at 234 C street northeast; estimated cost, \$250.

Poincare Goes to the Front.

PARIS, March 27.—At the conclusion of today's cabinet meeting President Poincare left Paris for the front.

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PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS

Business Section Dingy When Power House Machinery Breaks Down.

Streets of practically the entire business section of downtown Washington were dark as a stack of black cats for more than half an hour when a break in the machinery at the Benning power-house of the Potomac Electric Power Company put the lighting system of the city out of order about 1:30 o'clock this morning.

Late cars on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company were stalled for half an hour or more and belated passengers on the cars probably had to do more or less "sitting" themselves when they finally reached home. The cars of the Capital Traction Company were not interfered with, as that company generates its own power.

An important part of the machinery at the big power generating plant at Benning broke away, it was stated, and fully half an hour was required to put the plant back into commission. During the time the machinery was on strike the new lights along the Avenue, 7th street, 8th street, F street, 14th street and other downtown streets were out, as were those about the Union market and the markets on the tied-up street cars had started to walk home, and it was not until after 2 o'clock that all the lights were burning again.

REVEALS "LOVE CULT" RITES.

Leader, Held in Connection With Girl's Death, Makes Statement.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, March 27.—Percy A. George, leader of a "love cult" sect, who is being held in jail here for investigation in connection with the death of Miss Amy Tanner, tonight gave Mayor Barnum and Chief of Police France a signed statement, which, the prisoner said, contained a description of the system of rites employed in the sect's worship. The statement was not made public.

George told the police today he had experienced a vision directing him to lay out the body of the girl in the "love cult" house, from which Miss Tanner was forcibly removed a short time before her death.

ROB PAYMASTER OF \$1,900.

Thieves Hold Up A. A. Ogilvie, Then Escape in Auto.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Three men held up and robbed Alexander A. Ogilvie, paymaster of a steamheating company, of \$1,900 late today as he alighted from a street car on the upper East Side. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

Ogilvie left the company's downtown office with \$4,000, stopped at one lower East Side plant and paid out \$2,100 to employees and was on his way to pay off workmen at the foot of East 59th street when he was attacked.

The robbery took place while a shift of police was in progress.

Great Britain Comes to Understanding With U. S. Government.

CHICAGO, March 27.—A special cablegram to the Chicago Daily News from London, England, today says:

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Italy Feels Earthquake.

Shocks Are Not Serious, But People Camping in the Open.

ROME, March 27, 1:14 p.m., via Paris.—Slight earth shocks were recorded in the province of Perugia today.

No damage was done. Nevertheless, the whole population is camping in the open air. The people are in an extraordinary condition of nervousness because of the fatal earthquake a few months ago in the Abruzzi provinces.

Morris Defeats Flynn.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—Carl Morris, the Tulsa, Okla., giant, defeated Dan (Porky) Flynn of Boston in the main attraction at Jack McGuigan's National Athletic Club tonight. For six rounds the big fellow wrestled about the squared circle and the Oklahoma boy's great advantage in size enabled him to trim the eastern heavyweight with comparative ease.

ROADS SAY BIG SUMS WENT FOR IMPROVEMENT

Hearing of Western Carriers Before I. C. C. at Chicago Continues.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Efforts to show that the forty-one western railway systems, in spite of their petitions for higher freight rates on certain commodities, had spent great sums for improvements in recent years were made on behalf of the shippers in the interstate commerce commission hearing of the case today.

Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa railroad commission, referred to the testimony of S. M. Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western road. Mr. Felton had said his road had greatly improved its system "just as they are all doing."

L. E. Wetting, statistician for all the railroads, was cross-examined. "Do you agree with Mr. Felton that all the roads have gone through a period of reconstruction?" asked Mr. Thorne.

"Not to the extent that the roads have been reconstructed," replied the witness. "They have been required to bear heavy expenses for maintenance. They have had to pay high rates for money. But they have not spent vast sums for reconstruction."

Mr. Felton and other witnesses had asserted that railroad credit had been impaired because of decreased earning power and adverse legislation. Mr. Thorne sought to show that the roads were no worse off than other lines of business.

Mr. Wetting testified that such roads as the Burlington were able to borrow money at relatively low rates, the less prosperous roads, such as the Missouri Pacific, had to pay high rates and the general average of all the roads showed that they paid much higher rates than industrial.

CANNOT CARE FOR U. S. MARSHAL'S PRISONERS

Police Have No Legal Right to Extend Courtesy—Echo of Peck Suit.

Police officials will not be so accommodating in the future in the matter of caring for prisoners who are legally in custody of the United States marshal. During the many years the department has been in existence, prisoners in care of the marshal or one of his deputies, or similar officials from other jurisdictions, have been held in police stations overnight as a matter of accommodation.

Justice Stafford's ruling in the case of suit brought against Capt. Charles T. Peck of the first precinct in a case in which a person in custody of the marshal was temporarily placed in charge of the police captain is responsible for the change.

COLORED CHILD DEAD, MURDER IS SUSPECTED

Boys Find Female Baby's Body in Field Near Otis Street Northeast.

A colored infant, believed to have been murdered, was found in a field near West Virginia avenue and Otis street northeast last evening by two colored boys, and the police are now endeavoring to locate the person believed to be responsible for the child's death.

Three colored boys residing nearby went into the fields yesterday afternoon to gather watercress and discovered the body of the infant. It was nude and a rag was tied about its neck. There is also a bruise on the infant's head.

Becoming frightened at their gruesome find, the boys ran from the scene. They met Mounted Police Sgt. Yates of the ninth precinct and informed him of their discovery. The officer communicated with the police station and soon other officers started out to investigate.

Coroner Nevitt was notified and ordered the body taken to the District morgue. An autopsy will be performed today or tomorrow on the body by Deputy Coroner William Carr to determine the exact cause of death.

The police say that from the appearance of the rag about the neck of the infant it is thought the baby was strangled. The baby was a female child and when found, it was stated, had apparently died within the twenty-four hours.

UNEMPLOYED MEN PARADE.

Marchers in Boston Bear Placards Labeled "Jobless."

BOSTON, March 27.—A band of about 300 unemployed men paraded through the business section of the city today to call attention to their condition. Several of the marchers carried signs bearing the word "Jobless."

"I have, therefore, to recommend that Capt. Peck and members of the police department in general be informed of the ruling in this matter, particularly as I am informed that it is not uncommon for the United States marshal of the District of Columbia to request police captains to hold for him, temporarily, persons committed to his custody by courts, and the members of the police department should be advised that they have no legal authority so to do, and should, therefore, decline to accede to such requests in the future."

"Police officials are not certain as to the extent of the ruling. They are not certain if the ruling will have any bearing upon prisoners en route from one jurisdiction to another in charge of an officer. It frequently happens that officers on a long journey reach this city and want their prisoners taken care of long enough to get a rest, and in such cases the police always have accommodated them. Before being so accommodating in the future, however, the legal advisers of the District will be consulted."

Again Present "On to Frisco."

Pupils of the McKinley Manual Training School presented "On to Frisco," a musical comedy, for the third successive time last evening at the school.

WEST VIRGINIANS MEET.

Society's Governors Accept Dr. Camden's Resignation.

At a meeting of the board of governors of the West Virginia Society at the Hotel Powhatan Friday night the resignation of Dr. Rolla Camden, one of the vice presidents of the society, was accepted. Dr. Camden's resignation was offered because of the fact that he is to return to his home in Parkersburg, W. Va., at an early date.

The board decided to hold the next meeting of the society at the old Masonic Temple April 4. Addresses, a musical program and dancing are to be the entertainment features.

Plans for a summer outing for the society were discussed at last night's meeting and committees to fix upon a place for holding the outing, the date, etc., are to be named at an early date.

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